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### **Louisville Metro Council Women’s Caucus to Host 3rd Annual Rosie the Riveter Awards Ceremony**

**LOUISVILLE, KY, March 23, 2026** – The Louisville Metro Council Women’s Caucus will host its 3rd Annual Rosie the Riveter Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Louisville City Hall, 601 W. Jefferson Street, 3rd Floor (Council Chambers).

This annual event honors exceptional women whose leadership, service, and impact reflect the enduring spirit of *Rosie the Riveter*—a national symbol of strength, resilience, and determination. Rosie represents women who stepped forward in times of need, broke barriers, and redefined what was possible. To be recognized as a “Riveter” is to be celebrated as a trailblazer—one who builds, uplifts, and transforms communities through courage and commitment. This year’s theme is: *The Riveters Among Us – Celebrating Women Who Fasten Communities Together with Courage and Conviction.*

Hosted by the Women’s Caucus of the Louisville Metro Council, the ceremony will recognize the following outstanding 2026 honorees:

- **Senator Julie Raque Adams** – Government
- **Kirby Adams (Courier-Journal)** – Journalism
- **Lonnie Ali (Muhammad Ali Center)** – Humanitarian
- **State Representative Emily Callaway** – Government
- **Gretchen Hunt (Louisville Metro Office for Women)** – Women’s Empowerment
- **Adria Johnson (Metro United Way)** – Non-Profit Leadership
- **Deputy Police Chief Emily McKinley** – Law Enforcement
- **Maddie Shepard (Jefferson County Teachers Association)** – Education
- **Corenza Townsend (Norton Healthcare)** – Health & Wellness
- **Nachand Trabue (MELANnaire Marketplace)** – Entrepreneurship
- **Carla Wallace (Showing Up for Racial Justice) (SURJ)** – Activism

Each honoree will be celebrated as a modern-day “Rosie,” and their contributions will be showcased alongside historic trailblazing women who paved the way in similar fields.

Councilwoman Dr. Paula McCraney (District 7) will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. Members of the Metro Council will read honoree bios and present the Rosie awards. Mayor Craig Greenberg will offer special greetings and present each honoree with an official proclamation from the City of Louisville.

“This event is a powerful reminder that the legacy of Rosie the Riveter lives on in the women who continue to lead, serve, and break barriers in our community,” said Councilwoman Dr. Paula McCraney. “These honorees embody strength, purpose, and perseverance. We are proud to celebrate their contributions and the lasting impact they are making across Louisville and beyond.”

All members of the Louisville Metro Council can participate in the activities of the Women’s Caucus – men and women alike. Programming in the past has included discussions on domestic violence, women’s health and wellness, including menopause; diaper collections and distributions, period pack assembly and distribution, and Women’s History Month recognitions like the Rosie the Riveter Awards.

Now in its third year, the Rosie the Riveter Awards have honored an impressive group of women leaders. Past honorees include First Lady Britainy Beshear, First Lady Madeline Abramson, Tori Murden McClure, Hannah Drake, Diane Porter, Heather French Henry, Commonwealth Attorney Gerina Whethers, Christina Lee Brown, and the late Bobbie Holsclaw, among others.

The event is free and open to the public. MetroTV will broadcast the ceremony, and community members are encouraged to attend and celebrate these remarkable women.

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Invites You to Join us to celebrate the

*2026 Honorees  
for the  
Rosie the Riveter Award*



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